

STATEMENT BY MAYOR PEREZ ON STATE SUPREME COURT DECISION

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(October 10, 2008)--- "I applaud the Connecticut Supreme Court's decision in this case. The ruling today will help to ensure that all people have equal rights under the law regardless of race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. Connecticut is a better state after this ruling."

Domestic partnerships have been recognized in Hartford since 1983. On October 1, 2005, Connecticut became the second state in the union to permit Civil Unions.